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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/March 11-21, 2004

VERY HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- On Saturday morning, March 13, (extremely dependent on dry weather), eastbound traffic will be moved onto the temporary lanes. This traffic switch requires dry weather on Saturday for the final paint. If the weather does not cooperate, there might be a slight possibility that the traffic switch-over could be accomplished on Sunday.

- On Saturday, the actual traffic switch-over will require a series of eastbound on and off-ramp closures as crews move the remaining barriers at the interchanges and paint the lane markings to direct motorists to the temporary lanes. These intermittent ramp closures may take up to three hours to complete.
- After the traffic switch-over Interstate 90 will continue to have two through lanes in each direction at all times, however, the following configurations will be in place:
 - Westbound-(most items were in place last November other than the inside shoulder width):
 - All on and off-ramps remain open
 - Travel lanes will be 11 feet wide.
 - Inside and outside shoulders will only be 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place.
 - On-ramp merging distance is reduced.
 - Eastbound:
 - Travel lanes will be 11 feet wide.
 - Inside and outside shoulders will only be 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place.
 - On-ramp merging distance is reduced.
 - Argonne Rd. and Pines Rd. on-ramps are steeper and have different curve characteristics.
 - Evergreen eastbound on-ramp will be closed as of Friday March 12 at around 3:00 p.m. Motorists should use the Pines Road or Sullivan Road eastbound on-ramps as an alternate.

Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced. This configuration will be in place until November 1, 2004.

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Weekly Update
March 11, 2004

SR 20/Tiger to vicinity of Blueslide (MP 390-405)-Emergency load restrictions in force. The restrictions help prevent further damage to the roadway surface by limiting the weight of vehicles in this section of highway in Pend Oreille county.

SR 27-Grand Avenue in Pullman (MP 0-1)-Sewer work is underway between Harms Rd. and Fairmont Rd. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers during daytime hours. This is a City of Pullman project.

SR 31/Tiger to Metaline Falls (MP 0-14)-Emergency load restrictions in force. The restrictions help prevent further damage to the roadway surface by limiting the weight of vehicles in this section of highway in Pend Oreille county.

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